

## **FACT SHEET TEMPLATE**

### **SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS SUPERFUND SITE**

**QUESTION:** What should the final remedial action be for this site?

**ANSWER:**

- Final remedial action will be selected following completion of environmental sampling and independent studies being performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and following consideration of public comments on the recommended remedial action alternative as well as the other alternatives considered for the site.
- An inspection by the EPA Dive Team in December 2015 found an underwater damaged area of the cap. The EPA directed the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) to repair the cap, and the repairs were completed under EPA oversight in early January 2016. The EPA also directed the PRPs to install new safety features, including a warning buoy and float system around the cap and a video monitoring system that will be monitored 24 hours per day and 7 days per week.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The San Jacinto River Waste Pits Site is located in Harris County along the banks of the San Jacinto River. The pits were used for disposal of dioxin contaminated paper mill wastes.
- A site Community Advisory Committee including EPA, state and local agencies, a citizen's group, and others was created to improve stakeholder participation. The group has met frequently to update all site issues focusing on the technical work as well as addressing community concerns including health and safety.
- Accomplishment: A temporary armored cap was installed in 2011 to prevent wastes from washing into the river.
- Congressional Inquiries: Congressman Gene Green, 29<sup>th</sup> District, Texas; urges adoption of alternative for full removal of hazardous dioxins at the site. The site is located in the 36<sup>th</sup> District, Congressman Brian Babin.